

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant sincerely thanks Examiner Bullock for discussing the above-referenced application with Applicant's attorney, Robert G. Hartman, during a telephone call of August 11, 2008.

During this discussion, Applicant's attorney respectfully traversed the outstanding § 103(a) rejections and submitted that the cited references have not been shown to teach particular elements of Applicant's claims. For instance, Applicant's attorney respectfully submitted that neither the "SMIL" reference nor the "Kobayashi" reference has been shown to teach or suggest Applicant's claimed "associating" and "arranging" acts of claim 1. Nevertheless, for the sole purpose of advancing prosecution and without conceding the propriety of the rejections, Applicant's attorney proposed an amendment to independent claim 1 as shown above. Applicant's attorney understood the Examiner to at least tentatively agree that such an amended claim would at least overcome the references of record. The Examiner also stated that he would re-review the references and would update his search before making a final determination regarding allowability of the claims.

Applicant has accordingly amended the independent claims as discussed during the interview. Applicant again sincerely thanks the Examiner for his time, and Applicant encourages Examiner Bullock to call Applicant's attorney before issuance of an Action if the next anticipated Action is anything other than a Notice of Allowance.